



THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Vern L. Lyssy
County Judge

John Martinez, Commissioner, Precinct 1

Ronald Best, Commissioner, Precinct 2

Joel Behrens, Commissioner, Precinct 3

Gary Reese, Commissioner, Precinct 4

MEETING MINUTES

The Commissioners Court of Calhoun County, Texas will meet on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 10:00 AM in the Commissioners' Courtroom in the County Courthouse at 211 S. Ann Street, Suite 104, Port Lavaca, Calhoun County, Texas 77979.

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order.

Meeting was called to order by Judge Vern Lyssy at 10:00am

2. Invocation.

Commissioner Ronald Best

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

US Flag: Commissioner Reese

Texas Flag: Commissioner Behrens

4. Discussion of Public Matters and Public Participation.

Gregory Mayberry who is a resident of Alamo Beach expressed his neighbor claims Mr. Mayberry is blocking the alleyway, but Mr. Mayberry does not believe so.

Tim McFarland and Steve Marwitz expressed importance of the Birding Festival.

Luis De La Garza introduced himself as Port Lavaca Mayor and invited the public to Jack Whitlow's reception after serving 20 years as the Mayor. He also expressed that he is looking forward to working with the County.

Judge Lyssy thanked volunteers for the assistance in Point Comfort over the weekend, who helped with clean up after the weather incident.

Judge Lyssy informed the public that there will be a presentation in front of the Courthouse tomorrow at noon for National Day of Prayer.

5. Approve Commissioner Court Minutes.

a. April 29, 2026 Meeting Minutes

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 4 Gary Reese
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese
NAYS:	None

6. Accept Reports from the following County Offices.

pass - no reports.

7. Consider and take necessary action on budget adjustments.

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 4 Gary Reese
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese
NAYS:	None

8. Approval of Bills and Payroll.

a. MMC Bills:

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 4 Gary Reese
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese
NAYS:	None

b. County Bills/Payroll:

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 4 Gary Reese
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese
NAYS:	None

9. Hear the Memorial Medical Center Monthly Report given by Erin Clevenger.

Erin Clevenger gave the report for April 2026.

10. Consider and take necessary action approve the Resolution nominating Formosa Plastics Corporation, Texas for the Texas Enterprise Zone Program. (VLL)

Janson Gibbons on behalf of Formosa, explained the program and its benefits.

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 1 John Martinez
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese
NAYS:	None

11. Consider and take necessary action to approve surety bonds for District Deputy Clerks, Alva Amejorado and Veronica Briceno. (VLL)

pass

12. Consider and take necessary action to approve the quote in the amount of \$1,458.00 for VCS Security Systems to add a power supply to each of the District Courtroom double doors, with funding to be paid from the Courthouse Security Fund. (VLL)

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Judge Vern Lyssy
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese
NAYS:	None

13. Public Hearing regarding the request to vacate and abandon a portion of unconstructed public road in Bayside Beach Subdivision Unit 2, being an unconstructed portion of Denver Avenue between Block 120 and Block 113, of the Bayside Beach Subdivision Unit 2, and a portion of Wilkins Drive adjacent to Lot 14, Block 120, and a portion Wilkins Drive adjacent to Lot 1, Block 113 of the Bayside Beach Subdivision Unit 2, more fully described by metes and bounds in the Posted Notice and Application. The property owner is Peter Benshetler. (JAM)

Public Hearing opened at 10:43am

Dennis Ariaga explained the request to vacate and abandon.

Public Hearing closed at 10:47am

14. Consider and take necessary action to vacate and abandon a portion of unconstructed public road in Bayside Beach Subdivision Unit 2, being an unconstructed portion of Denver Avenue between Block 120 and Block 113, of the Bayside Beach Subdivision Unit 2, and a portion of Wilkins Drive adjacent to Lot 14, Block 120, and a portion Wilkins Drive adjacent to Lot 1, Block 113 of the Bayside Beach Subdivision Unit 2, more fully described by metes and bounds in the Posted Notice and Application. The property owner is Peter Benshetler. (JAM)

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 1 John Martinez
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese
NAYS:	None

15. Consider and take necessary action to approve the conveyance of a drainage easement from Peter Benshetler to Calhoun County, Texas over a portion of the abandoned Denver Avenue, as further described in the Drainage Easement Agreement. (JAM)

Dennis Ariaga explained a drainage easement agreement with the county.

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 1 John Martinez
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese
NAYS:	None

16. Consider and take necessary action to authorize the County Judge to sign Amendment No. 6 to GLO Contract No. 20-065-064-C182 to extend the contract period from February 2025 to October 2026. (VLL)

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Judge Vern Lyssy
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese
NAYS:	None

17. Consider and take necessary action to authorize County Judge to sign Amendment No. 7 to GLO Contract No. 20-065-064-C182 to revise the budget. Remaining funds from the Alamo Beach-Drainage Project are being transferred to Little Chocolate Bayou Park Improvements Project. (VLL)

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Judge Vern Lyssy
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 1 John Martinez
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese
NAYS:	None

18. Consider and take necessary action to approve Drainage Agreements for the Schicke Point GLO Mitigation Project with the following landowners, and authorize Commissioner Behrens to sign all documents. (JMB)

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| 1. Mr. Emile Jamail | 107 E. Hughes St. |
| 2. Ms. Jody Carter | 37 W. Peggy St. |
| 3. Mr. William Putman | 2410 CR 312 |
| 4. Mr. David Howe | 2130 CR 312 |

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 3 Joel Behrens
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 4 Gary Reese
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese
NAYS:	None

19. Consider and take necessary action to approve the Specifications and Contract Documents for Bid No. 2026.07 – Westside Subdivision Drainage Improvements – GLO CDBG MIT-MOD Contract No. 24-065-152-F011 for Calhoun County, Texas and to authorize G & W Engineers, Inc. and the County Auditor to advertise for bids. A pre-bid meeting shall be held at 10:00 am, Thursday, May 28, 2026 in the Commissioner's Courtroom, Calhoun County Courthouse, 211 South Ann Street, 1st Floor, Suite 104, Port Lavaca, Texas 77979. Sealed Bids are scheduled to be due before 2:00:00 pm, Thursday, June 25, 2026 at the County Judge's Office. (JAM)

Scott Mason with G&W Engineers explained the project and asked for approval to go out for bids.

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 1 John Martinez
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese
NAYS:	None

20. Consider and take necessary action to authorize G & W Engineers, Inc. to release any addenda necessary to the bidding documents if approved by Commissioner Martinez that is related to the Bid No. 2026.07 – Westside Subdivision Drainage Improvements – GLO CDBG MIT-MOD Contact No. 24-065-152-F011 for Calhoun County, Texas. (JAM)

Scott Mason explained how having this in place makes the project run more smoothly.

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	County Commissioner Pct 4 Gary Reese
SECONDER:	County Commissioner Pct 2 Ronald Best
AYES:	County Judge Lyssy, County Commissioner Pct 1 Martinez, County Commissioner Pct 2 Best, County Commissioner Pct 3 Behrens, County Commissioner Pct 4 Reese
NAYS:	None

21. Adjourn.

Judge Lyssy adjourned at 11:02am